



# Congressman Tim Bishop

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## **BISHOP, FOLEY LEAD CEREMONY HONORING SHIRLEY SOLDIER KILLED IN IRAQ**

Shirley, New York—On Friday, October 5, Congressman Tim Bishop (NY-1), Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian X. Foley and Councilwoman Carol Bissonette joined the family and friends of Corporal Paulo Marko Pacificador in a special ceremony to re-name in his honor the street in Shirley, New York, where he once lived before he was killed in action in Iraq.

“Corporal Pacificador’s outstanding character and bravery were recognized not only by his family and friends, but by his military command as well,” said Bishop. “His loss is a tragedy for this neighborhood and community, but his name will always be remembered and honored by those whose lives he touched.”

Pacificador, 24, was killed in action on August 13, 2007, when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb while on patrol in Qayyarah, Iraq. His military command determined that he was entitled to receive the posthumous promotion in rank to Corporal based on his bravery, outstanding character, and leadership skills. He was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, and other honors.

Pacificador came from a proud line of servicemen of Filipino descent. He and his family emigrated from the Philippines in 1988. He graduated from William Floyd High School and attended Suffolk Community College, where he studied computer engineering and continued pursuing his education while stationed in Iraq.

Pacificador reported to basic training in January of 2006 and was deployed to Iraq on October 30 with the 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team 1st Cavalry Division.

**PHOTOS AVAILABLE:** High resolution photos of the ceremony can be downloaded for printing at [http://www.flickr.com/photo\\_zoom.gne?id=1524524453&size=o](http://www.flickr.com/photo_zoom.gne?id=1524524453&size=o) and [http://www.flickr.com/photo\\_zoom.gne?id=1525389252&size=o](http://www.flickr.com/photo_zoom.gne?id=1525389252&size=o).

Caption (left to right): Congressman Bishop, Kenneth Lopez, Maryann Pacificador, Jose Pacificador, Sgt. Vielle, Elsie Pacificador, Ray Patrick Pacificador, Councilwoman Bissonette, and Supervisor Foley.